



Hanan Balkhy, World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean, speaks during an interview with AFP in Riyadh



People look on as Indonesian ethnic Tamil Hindu devotees participate in the last day of the traditional 'Chithirai Mahapuja' procession in Banda Aceh



Afghan refugees help a child to climb on a truck at a makeshift camp upon their arrival from Pakistan near the Afghanistan-Pakistan



People hold up signs as they demonstrate during a rally titled 'Protect Migrants, Protect the Planet,' in New York City

# Netanyahu says Israel has no choice but to continue fighting in Gaza

AP, DEIR AL-BALAH: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said again Saturday that Israel has "no choice" but to continue fighting in Gaza and will not end the war before destroying Hamas, freeing the hostages and ensuring that the territory won't present a threat to Israel.

The prime minister also repeated his vow to make sure Iran never gets a nuclear weapon.

Netanyahu is under growing pressure at home not only from families of hostages and their supporters but also from reservist and retired Israeli soldiers who question the continuation of the war after Israel shattered a ceasefire last month. In his statement, he claimed that Hamas has rejected Israel's latest proposal to free half the hostages for a continued ceasefire.

The prime minister spoke after Israeli strikes killed more than 90 people in 48 hours, Gaza's Health Ministry said Saturday.



Israel has vowed to intensify attacks across Gaza and occupy indefinitely large 'security zones' inside the small coastal strip of over 2 million people. Hamas wants Israeli forces to withdraw from the territory. Israel also has blockaded Gaza for the past six weeks, again barring the entry of food and other goods.

Israeli troops have been increasing their attacks to pressure Hamas to release the hostages and disarm.

Children and women were among the 15 people killed overnight, according to hospital staff. At least 11 dead were in the southern city of Khan Younis, several of them in a tent in the Mu-

wasi area where hundreds of thousands of displaced people stay, hospital workers said. Israel has designated it as a humanitarian zone.

Mourners cradled and kissed the faces of the dead. A man stroked a child's forehead with his finger before body bags were closed. "Omar is gone... I wish it was



Palestinians displaced by the Israeli air and ground offensive on the Gaza Strip walk in a makeshift tent camp in Gaza City

me," one brother cried out.

Four other people were killed in strikes in Rafah city, including a woman and her daughter, according to the European Hospital, where the bodies were taken.

Later on Saturday, an Israeli airstrike on a group of civilians west of Nuseirat in central Gaza killed one person, according to Al-Awda Hospital.

Israel's military in a

statement said it killed more than 40 militants over the weekend.

Separately, the military said a soldier was killed Saturday in northern Gaza and confirmed it was the first soldier death since Israel resumed the war on March 18. Hamas' armed wing, the Qassam Brigades, said it ambushed Israeli forces operating east of Gaza City's al-Tuffah neighbourhood.

# Global cybersecurity efforts intensify amid rising threats

AP, WASHINGTON: Hackers linked to Russia's government launched a cyberattack last spring against municipal water plants in rural Texas. At one plant in Muleshoe, population 5,000, water began to overflow. Officials had to unplug the system and run the plant manually. The hackers weren't trying to taint the water supply. They didn't ask for a ransom. Authorities determined the intrusion was designed to test the vulnerabilities of America's public infrastructure. It was also a warning: In the 21st century, it takes more than oceans and an army to keep the United States safe. A year later, countries around the world are preparing for greater digital conflict as increasing global tensions and a looming trade war have raised the stakes - and the chances that a cyberattack could cause significant economic damage, disrupt vital public systems, reveal sensitive business or government secrets, or even escalate into military confrontation.



has national security and cyber experts warning of heightened cyberthreats and a growing digital arms race as countries look to defend themselves.

At the same time, President Donald Trump has upended America's digital defenses by firing the four-star general who led the National Security Agency, shrinking cybersecurity agencies and slashing election cybersecurity initiatives.

Businesses now are increasingly concerned about cyberattacks, and governments have moved to a war footing, according to a report this month by NCC Group, a British cybersecurity firm.

"The geopolitical dust is still settling," said Verona Johnstone-Hulse, a London-based expert on government cybersecurity polices and the report's co-author. "What the new normal looks like is still not yet set."

Many in the US are already calling for a more muscular approach to protecting the digital frontier.

"Hybrid war is here to stay," said Tom Kellermann, senior vice president of cyberstrategy at Contrast Security. "We need to stop playing defense - it's time to make them play defence."

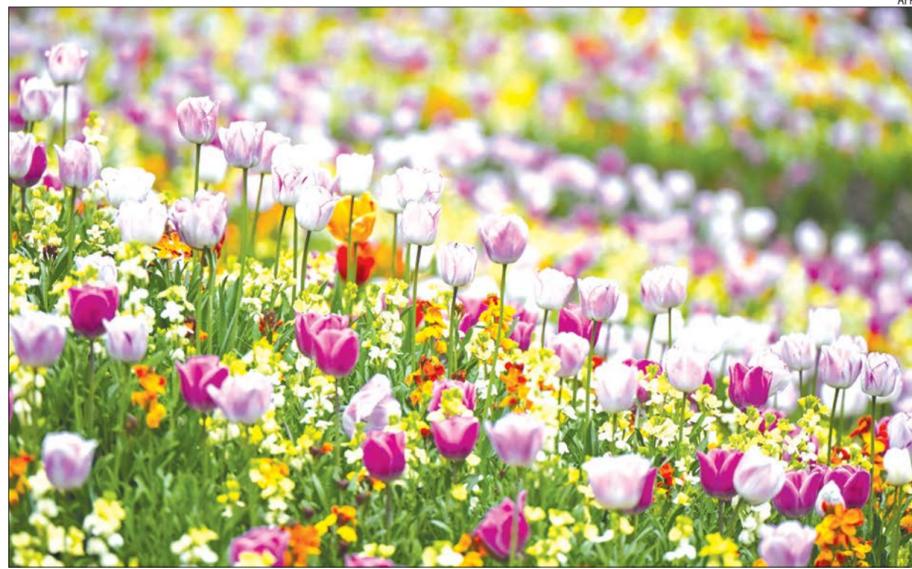
# Gunmen kill dozens in Nigeria

AFP, ABUJA: Gunmen killed at least 56 people earlier this week in central Nigeria's Benue state, the governor's office said Saturday, sharply revising a previous toll of 17.

Clashes between nomadic cattle herders and farmers over land use are common in central Nigeria. Governor Hyacinth Alia had earlier blamed the attacks in the Ukum and Logo local government areas on "suspected herdsmen".

"The death toll has jumped to 56 from the attacks as at the last count," Solomon Iorpe, the governor's media advisor, told AFP following Alia's visit to the scene.

# HUES OF SPRING



Vibrant fields of tulips bloom around Guildford Castle in Guildford, south of London

# Yemen's Houthi rebels report US strikes in the capital, coastal city



A Yemeni shows remains of one of the shells from a location reportedly struck by US airstrikes in Sanaa, Yemen

AP, CAIRO: AP, Yemen's Houthi rebels said Saturday that the US military launched a series of airstrikes on the capital, Sanaa, and the Houthi-held coastal city of Hodeida, less than two days after a US strike wrecked a Red Sea port and killed more than 70 people. The Houthi media office said 13 US airstrikes hit an airport and a port in Hodeida, on the Red Sea. The office also reported US strikes in the capital, Sanaa. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

74 people and wounding 171 others, according to the Houthi-run health ministry. It was the deadliest strike in the US ongoing bombing campaign on the Iranian-backed rebels.

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Saturday said he was "gravely concerned" about the attack on Ras Isa, as well as the Houthis missile and drone attacks on Israel and the shipping routes, his spokesman Stéphane Dujarric said Saturday.

"The secretary-general recalls that international law, including international humanitarian law as applicable, must be respected at all times, and he appeals to all to respect and protect civilians as well as civilian infrastructure," Dujarric said.

Thursday's strike hit the port of Ras Isa, also in Hodeida province, killing

# 'Impeach and remove': Anti-Trump protests hits US cities

AP, NEW YORK: Opponents of President Donald Trump's administration took to the streets of communities large and small across the US on Saturday, decrying what they see as threats to the nation's democratic ideals. The disparate events ranged from a march through midtown Manhattan and a rally in front of the White House to a demonstration at a Massachusetts commemoration of "the shot heard 'round the world" on April 19, 1775, marking the start of the Revolutionary War 250 years ago. Thomas Bassford was among the demonstrators at the reenactment of the Battles of Lexington and Concord outside Boston. The 80-year-old retired mason from Maine said he believes Americans are under attack from their own government and need to stand up against it.

"This is a very perilous time in America for liberty," said Bassford, who was with his partner, daughter and two grandsons. "I wanted the boys to learn about the origins of this country and that sometimes we have to fight for freedom."

In Denver, hundreds of protesters gathered at the Colorado State Capitol with banners expressing solidarity with immigrants and telling the Trump administration: "Hands Off!" People waved US flags, some of them held upside down to



Demonstrators rally against Trump and join forces during a protest organized by the 50501 Movement in Cocoa, Florida

# US SUPREME COURT INTERVENES TO BLOCK TRUMP DEPORTATIONS

AFP, WASHINGTON: The US Supreme Court, in a dramatic nighttime intervention Saturday, blocked President Donald Trump's unprecedented use of an obscure law to deport Venezuelan migrants without due process. The emergency ruling noted that two of the most conservative justices on the nine-member panel had dissented. The order temporarily prevents the government from continuing to expel migrants under the 1798 Alien Enemies Act -- last used to round up Japanese-American citizens during World War II. Trump invoked the law last month to deport Venezuelans to a notorious prison in El Salvador that holds thousands of that country's gangsters. The court decision was triggered by imminent plans late Friday to expel dozens more Venezuelans under the act, meaning they would have been deported with next to no ability to hear evidence or challenge their cases. The court said "the government is directed not to remove any member of the putative class of detainees from the United States until further order."

signal distress. Thousands of people also marched through downtown Portland, Oregon, while in San Francisco, hundreds spelled out the

# SL president forwards Easter attack probe panel findings to CID

PTI, COLOMBO: Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake on Sunday said he has forwarded the presidential panel report of 2021 on the Easter terror attacks to CID for further action, ahead of an anticipated statement about the mastermind of the deadly strikes. Nine suicide bombers belonging to local Islamist extremist group National Thawheed Jamaat (NTJ) linked to ISIS carried out a series of devastating blasts that tore through three churches and as many luxury hotels on April 21, 2019, killing 258 people, including 11 Indians. "Today, I have forwarded the commission report to the CID to do their investiga-

tion. All previous investigations have aimed to cover up rather than reveal those responsible," Dissanayake told a campaign rally for the May 6 local council election.

The Commission of Inquiry was appointed by former president Maithripala

Sirisen, who was in power during the Easter attacks.

Ironically, the report found Sirisen himself guilty and recommended action for criminal negligence on his part. The report also found other police and intelligence top brass responsible for the attack.

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The Public is hereby informed that my client desires to purchase from 1) MR. MARIO SANTANA FURTADO and his wife 2) MRS. ANJELINA NEELA FURTADO, both residents of 6 Scofield CT, Peekskill, NY, 10566, United States of America, both Citizens of the United States of America, the properties particularly described in the Schedules I, II and III and IV here in under written.

Any person/persons, including banks, financial institutions and other organizations, having any right, claim, interest or objection to the proposed sale by virtue of inheritance, mortgage, lien or any other mode are called upon to file their objections with the undersigned advocate within 15 days from the publication of this notice, failing which it will be presumed that the said owners have a clear and marketable title and the sale transaction between my client and the said owners will be completed.

**SCHEDULE I**

ALL that Plot no. 9 admeasuring 287.25 sq. mts., forming part of property known as "DEULXILA" or "ZORI", situated at village Chinchinim, within the jurisdiction of Village Panchayat of Chinchinim, Taluka and Sub-District of Salcete, District of South Goa, State of Goa, described in the Land Registration Office of Salcete under no. 31335 of new series and enrolled in the Taluka Revenue Office under no. 1381, surveyed for the record of rights under the survey no. 77/4 of the revenue Village of Chinchinim and bounded as under:  
**NORTH:** By 8 mts road and by properties bearing survey nos. 78/27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35.  
**SOUTH:** By property bearing survey no. 95/10, 95/11 and survey no. 96  
**EAST:** By Plot no. 8 of the same property bearing survey no. 77/4 of Chinchinim village and by Public Road  
**WEST:** By Plot no. 10 of the same property bearing survey no. 77/4 of Chinchinim village and property bearing survey no. 80/39

**SCHEDULE II**

ALL that Plot no. 10 admeasuring 287.70 sq. mts., forming part of property known as "DEULXILA" or "ZORI", situated at village Chinchinim, within the jurisdiction of Village Panchayat of Chinchinim, Taluka and Sub-District of Salcete, District of South Goa, State of Goa, described in the Land Registration Office of Salcete under no. 31335 of new series and enrolled in the Taluka Revenue Office under no. 1381, surveyed for the record of rights under the survey no. 77/4 of the revenue Village of Chinchinim and bounded as under:  
**NORTH:** By 8 mts road and by properties bearing survey nos. 78/27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35.  
**SOUTH:** By property bearing survey no. 95/10, 95/11 and survey no. 96  
**EAST:** By Plot no. 9 of the same property bearing survey no. 77/4 of Chinchinim village and by Public Road  
**WEST:** By Plot no. 11 of the same property bearing survey no. 77/4 of Chinchinim village and property bearing survey no. 80/39

**SCHEDULE III**

ALL that Plot no. 11 admeasuring 285.45 sq. mts., forming part of property known as "DEULXILA" or "ZORI", situated at village Chinchinim, within the jurisdiction of Village Panchayat of Chinchinim, Taluka and Sub-District of Salcete, District of South Goa, State of Goa, described in the Land Registration Office of Salcete under no. 31335 of new series and enrolled in the Taluka Revenue Office under no. 1381, surveyed for the record of rights under the survey no. 77/4 of the revenue Village of Chinchinim and bounded as under:  
**NORTH:** By 8 mts road and by properties bearing survey nos. 78/27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35  
**SOUTH:** By property bearing survey no. 95/10, 95/11 and survey no. 96  
**EAST:** By plot no. 10 of the same property bearing survey no. 77/4 of Chinchinim village and by public road  
**WEST:** By plot no. 12 of the same property bearing survey no. 77/4 of Chinchinim village and by property bearing survey no. 80/39

**SCHEDULE IV**

ALL that Plot no. 12 admeasuring 342 sq. mts., forming part of property known as "DEULXILA" or "ZORI", situated at village Chinchinim, within the jurisdiction of Village Panchayat of Chinchinim, Taluka and Sub-District of Salcete, District of South Goa, State of Goa, described in the Land Registration Office of Salcete under no. 31335 of new series and enrolled in the Taluka Revenue Office under no. 1381, surveyed for the record of rights under the survey no. 77/4 of the revenue Village of Chinchinim and bounded as under:  
**NORTH:** By 4 mts road and by properties bearing survey nos. 78/27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35  
**SOUTH:** By property bearing survey no. 95/10, 95/11 and survey no. 96  
**EAST:** By Plot no. 11 of the same property bearing survey no. 77/4 of Chinchinim village and partly by 8 mts road  
**WEST:** By part of the same property and by property bearing survey no. 80/39

The Sellers have represented that they have acquired the abovementioned plots vide deed of gift dated 21st January 2024, registered under no. MGO-1-440-2024 dated 25/01/2024, deed of gift dated 21st January 2024, registered under no. MGO-1-441-2024 dated 25/01/2024, deed of gift dated 21st January 2024 registered under no. MGO-1-498-2024 dated 30/01/2024 and deed of gift dated 21st January 2024 registered under no. MGO-1-497-2024 dated 30/01/2024, respectively, all in the Office of the Sub Registrar of Salcete at Margao Goa.

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